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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY-74 IV MEDHANIE JOSEPH

REFS: STATE 47361; ASMARA 234

IN LIGHT PUBLIC ATTACK UPON SUBJECT IN ASMARA PRESS, INCLUDING
DEMAND HIS PASSPORT BE WITHDRAWN AND ASSERTION THIS, IN FACT,
ALREADY DONE AT INSTANCE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WE WOULD LIKE
YOU TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION:

1. CONTACT SUBJECT. EXPLAIN THAT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO MERITS
OF CHARGES BEING LEVIED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR FACTIONS AS PART
CURRENT ETHIOPIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROCESSES, USG COMPELLED
AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT LAY IT OPEN TO ASSERTION OF INTER-
FERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL AND
UNLESS MATTER IN QUESTION CAN BE FULLY CLARIFIED, WE WILL RE-
GRETFULLY BE UNABLE PROCEED WITH GRANT UNDER WHICH SUBJECT CUR-
RENTLY SCHEDULED TRAVEL TO US APRIL 16.

2. FYI ONLY: WE HAVE CONSIDERED PROS AND CONS APPROACHING IEG
TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SUBJECT. WE HAVE
CONCLUDED, ON BALANCE, THAT OUR INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY APPROACH
OUTLINED ABOVE. NOT KNOWING ENMITIES OR FRIENDSHIPS INVOLVED OR
RAMIFICATIONS OF CASE AGAINST SUBJECT, WE THINK IT PREFERABLE
NOT TO CONSTRAIN OURSELVES BY ANSWER OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION WE
LIKELY TO OBTAIN IN RESPONSE ANY DEMARCHE TO AUTHORITIES HERE.
IF YOU HAVE OTHER VIEWS PLEASE ADVISE BEFORE PROCEEDING PER PARA 1
ABOVE. END FYI.

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3. INFORM EMBASSY OF DISCUSSION WITH MEDHANIE.

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